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LOUTH RURAL DISTRICT
REPORT ON THE HEALTH AND SANITARY CONDITIONS
FOR THE YEAR 1973

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SECTION A

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND GENERAL STATISTICS

1)	Area of the Rural District in acres	153,062 acres
2)	Population (estimated at mid-year)	19,370
3)	Density of population (excluding foreshore) ..	0.13
4)	Number of inhabited houses	6,825
5)	Rateable Value of inhabited houses	£814,120
6)	Product of lp. rate (est)	£ 14,300



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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1973.

It was thought that the report for 1972 would be the last owing to re-organisation but we have been able to produce a shortened report for 1973 as a matter of completeness.

In 1973 there were 340 births in the District. This gives a crude Birth Rate of 17.6 per 1,000 of the estimated population. When standardised for comparative purposes this gives a Standardised Birth Rate of 17.2 per 1,000 standard population and can be compared with the Birth Rate for England and Wales which is 13.7. The Standardised Birth Rate thus continues to be higher than the national figure.

Illegitimate live births expressed as a percentage of the total live births numbered 6%. The figure for England and Wales was 9%. This percentage remains more or less constant as it has done over the past ten years.

Deaths during the year numbered 204 giving a crude Death Rate of 10.5 per thousand of the estimated population. This becomes, when standardised for comparative purposes 11.3. The figure for England and Wales is 12. The Standardised Death Rate thus remains well below the figure for England and Wales as it has done for many years prior to last year.

Infant deaths, this is deaths of children under one year numbered 5. This gives an Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births of 15. The figure for England and Wales is 17.

The numbers involved are small so little importance can be attached to them.

There were 39 deaths from Malignant Disease excluding Leukaemia. This is about the average figure for the past 10 years. There appears to be considerable fluctuation from year to year in the figures but no definite trend up or down. The deaths from Lung Cancer remain high.

The commonest cause of death in both men and women was Coronary Type Heart Disease. The next commonest cause in both men and women was malignant disease.

Again the commonest notified infectious disease was Measles. The biennial peak in incidence no longer seems to exist.

I would like to conclude by thanking Mr. Child for all his help and wish him a very happy retirement. I would also like to thank all the other members of the Staff for their help through the year, also the Chairman, Mrs Vinter and other members of the Public Health Committee for their interest in the work of the Health Department.

I have the honour to be,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. E. LEE

Medical Officer of Health .

The Population of Louth Rural District Since 1961

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	
1961	16,200	(Registrar General's estimated figures for the year)
1962	17,594	" " " " " "
1963	18,600	" " " " " "
1964	18,650	" " " " " "
1965	19,100	" " " " " "
1966	19,360	" " " " " "
1967	19,750	" " " " " "
1968	19,630	" " " " " "
1969	19,740	" " " " " "
1970	19,740	" " " " " "
1971	18,757	(1971 Census)
1972	19,110	(Registrar General's estimated figures for the year)
1973	19,370	" " " " " "

Vital Statistics (Note - figures in brackets show corresponding rates for England and Wales).

Births

(a)	<u>Live</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	Legitimate	319	153	166
	Illegitimate	21	9	12
		<u>340</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>178</u>

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population 17.6

Standardised Birth Rate for Comparability purposes.

(Area comparability Factor .98) 17.2 (13.7)

Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births) 6 (9)

(b)	<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	Legitimate	6	4	2
	Illegitimate	-	-	-
		<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population 0.3

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 (live and still births) 17 (12)

Total Live and Still Births 346

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	204	102	102

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated population 10.5

Standardised Death Rate (area comparability factor 1.07) 11.3 (12.0)

Infant Deaths

(a) Under 12 months	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	.. ..	15	(17)
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	. ..	16	(16)
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	..	-	(22)

(b) Under 4 weeks	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

Neo-natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births	15	(11)
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(c) Under 1 week	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births	..	15	(10)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still Births, and Deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births	.. ..	32	(21)
Maternal Deaths (including abortion)	.. ..	NIL	

TABLE I

AGES AT DEATH FOR 1973

Ages in Years	Under 1 year	1/4	5/14	15/24	25/34	35/44	45/54	55/64	65/74	75+	Total
Deaths	5	-	-	1	2	5	13	19	48	111	204

TABLE II

TABLE SHOWING AGES AT DEATH DURING THE PAST 5 YEARS AND THE AVERAGE
FOR THAT PERIOD

Year	Under 1 year	1/4	5/14	15/24	25/34	35/44	45/54	55/64	65/74	75+	Total
1972	8	-	4	1	1	2	10	25	70	106	227
1971	7	1	1	1	4	6	14	23	53	79	189
1970	7	3	-	3	1	4	10	25	54	103	210
1969	3	-	3	1	1	2	9	33	49	106	207
1968	5	-	4	3	1	2	9	37	64	81	206
Avge.	6	1	3	2	2	4	11	29	58	95	208
1973	5	-	-	1	2	5	13	19	48	111	204

TABLE III

STANDARDISED DEATH RATES FOR LOUTH RURAL DISTRICT FOR THE PREVIOUS TEN
YEARS AND 1973

Year	Standardised Death Rates Per Thousand Standard Population	Death Rates for England and Wales
1963	11.07	12.2
1964	10.19	11.3
1965	10.8	11.5
1966	10.7	11.7
1967	8.34	11.2
1968	10.2	11.9
1969	10.2	11.9
1970	10.3	11.7
1971	9.7	11.6
1972	12.1	12.1
1973	11.3	12.0

Average Standardised Death Rate for Louth Rural District over the past 11
years, including 1973 = 10.4

Average Death Rate for England and Wales over the past 11 years = 11.7

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE AREA DURING 1972 AND 1973

TABLE IV

CAUSES OF DEATH

		<u>1972</u>		<u>1973</u>	
		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
1)	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	-	-	-
2)	Malignant Neoplasm Buccal Cavity etc.	1	1	1	-
3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	-	-	-
4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	6	2	1
5)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	4	5	-	3
6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung and Bronchus	10	1	12	2
7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	2	-	5
8)	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	-	-	2
9)	Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	3	-	2	-
10)	Leukaemia	-	-	1	-
11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	8	6	3	6
12)	Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	-	-	-	1
13)	Diabetes Mellitus	2	1	2	2
14)	Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases	-	1	1	-
15)	Anaemias	-	2	1	-
16)	Other Diseases of Nervous System	4	1	1	2
17)	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1	1	1
18)	Hypertensive Disease	2	1	7	3
19)	Ischaemic Heart Disease	37	23	27	20
20)	Other forms of Heart Disease	-	8	2	6
21)	Cerebro-vascular Disease	20	17	6	16
22)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	7	5	6	9
23)	Influenza	1	-	1	-
24)	Pneumonia	1	5	5	6
25)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	5	3	10	2
26)	Asthma	-	-	-	1
27)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	4	5	2	2
28)	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	-	-	1
29)	Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	1	2
30)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	-	1	1
31)	Nephritis/Nephrosis	-	1	-	-
32)	Hyperphasia of Prostate	-	-	1	-
33)	Other Diseases of Genito Urinary System	-	1	-	-
34)	Diseases of Musculo Skeletal System	-	2	-	2
35)	Congenital Anomalies	-	3	-	1
36)	Birth Injury, difficult delivery etc.	1	2	-	2
37)	Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	-	2	-
38)	Symptoms and ill defined conditions	1	2	1	1
39)	Motor vehicle Accidents	2	-	1	-
40)	All other accidents	1	1	1	1
41)	Suicide and self inflicted Injuries	-	-	1	2
		121	106	102	102

Table V

Anatomical Sites of Malignant Tumours causing
death in 1973

Site	Male	Female	Total
Buccal Cavity and Pharynx	1	-	1
Oesophagus	-	-	-
Stomach	2	1	3
Intestine	-	3	3
Larynx	-	-	-
Lung and Bronchus	12	2	14
Prostate	2	-	2
Uterus	-	2	2
Breast	-	5	5
Other Sites	3	6	9
Totals:	20	18	39

Table VI

Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms - Years 1963 - 1968
(where the classification was only into 5 groups)

Site	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Stomach	4	4	2	9	4	4
Lung and bronchus	-	3	9	5	10	11
Breast	3	3	10	5	7	4
Uterus	1	1	2	-	1	1
Others	26	16	17	5	16	31
Totals	34	27	40	44	38	51

Table VII

Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms. Years 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1973 (where the classification was into 10 groups)

Site	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Buccal Cavity and Pharynx	-	1	-	2	1
Oesophagus	1	-	-	1	-
Stomach	3	4	5	7	3
Intestine	9	5	4	9	3
Larynx	-	-	-	-	-
Lung and Bronchus	12	4	14	11	14
Prostate	3	1	2	3	2
Uterus	-	3	-	-	2
Breast	3	3	-	2	5
Other sites	17	9	15	14	9
Totals	48	30	40	49	39

Prevalence of Infectious Diseases

Infectious Diseases other than tuberculosis notified during 1973:-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Cases Notified</u>
Measles	51
Scarlet Fever	1
Infective Jaundice	1
Salmonella Infection	2

Tuberculosis and New Cases and Mortality during 1973

<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non Respiratory</u>	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Average Number of Respiratory Cases notified in previous 6 years 1.7

Average Number of Non Respiratory cases notified in previous 6 years 1.2

New Patients from Rural District attending the Special Clinic,
Grimsby in 1973.

	<u>Syphilis</u>	<u>Gonorrhoea</u>	<u>Non-Venereal conditions</u>
Male	-	3	13
Female	-	-	5

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREALaboratory Facilities

These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory at Lincoln. Samples of water, milk, ice cream and other items are subjected to bacteriological testing. I would like to thank Dr. J.G. Wallace and his staff for all their help.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

The following Clinic Services are provided by the Lincolnshire Area Health Authority towards meeting local needs in the preventive and treatment branches of medicine.

A - Clinics held at 32, Queen Street, Louth.

School Children: 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday afternoons in the month.
Immunisation and medical examinations.

Baby Hearing Clinic: 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings in the month by appointment.

Ante Natal Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes: Thursday 2.30 p.m. by appointment.

Dental: by appointment.

Orthodontic Clinic: Thursday 2 - 4 p.m.

Chiropody: By appointment.

Child Psychiatry: Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. by appointment.

Speech Therapy: No Speech therapist at the moment.

Welfare Foods: Daily.

The Clinic is also used by the Family Planning Association and there are sessions every Monday evening at 7.0 p.m.

Infant Welfare Clinics are now held at local Practitioners Surgeries.

These are on Friday afternoons at 2.00 p.m. at

The Surgery	and	The Surgery,
Kidgate,		Bridge Street,
Louth		Louth

A health visitor attached to the practice attends.

The Area Office of the Social Services is at Victoria Road, Louth.
Tele: Louth 4321.

B - At the Local Hospital.The County Hospital, Louth.

Monday	Orthopaedic 9.0 - 10.30 a.m.
"	Ophthalmology 9.30 a.m.
"	General Surgery 10.30 a.m.
"	Dermatology 2.0 p.m.

Tuesdays	Psychiatry 9.30 a.m.	
Tuesdays	1st and 3rd. School Eye Clinic 10.0 a.m.	
"	2nd and 4th. Ophthalmology 10.00 a.m.	
"	Dental 2.00 p.m.	
"	General Surgery 2.00 p.m.	
"	Gynaecology 9.30 a.m.	
Wednesday	(No clinic 1st and 5th in month)	Medicine 2.0 p.m. 5.00 p.m.
"	(2nd in month)	
"	(3rd and 4th in Month)	
Wednesday	Chest Diseases 9.00 a.m.	
"	Orthopaedics 1.30 p.m.	
Wednesday	(1st and 2nd in month)	Paediatric
"	(3rd, 4th and 5th in month)	
Wednesday	School Eye Clinic 2.00 p.m.	
Thursday	Ear Nose and Throat 9.00 a.m.	
Alternate Thursdays	Radiotherapy 10.30 a.m.	
Thursday	Gynaecology 2.00 p.m.	
Thursday	Orthodontic 9.00 a.m.	
Friday	Orthopaedic 9.00 a.m.	
Friday	General Medicine 10.00 a.m.	
Friday (1st in month only)	General Medicine 2.00 p.m.	
Friday	General Surgery 2.00 p.m.	
Friday (2nd and 4th in month)	Chest Diseases 2.0 p.m.	
	Radiology	
	Pathology	
	Geriatrician.	

The Louth Health Clinic.

The Clinic is the Local headquarters for the community Health Services provided by the Lincolnshire Area Health Authority and is also used by some Education and Social Services Staff employed by Lincolnshire County Council.

The main Infant welfare clinics are now held at the Surgeries of the two practices in the town and are carried out by the General Practitioners themselves with a Clinic Health Visitor in attendance.

A Child Guidance Service is provided at the Clinic. At the moment it is without a social worker. The staff normally comprises the Child Psychiatrist, the Psychiatric Social Worker and the Educational Psychologist. Children who are experiencing emotional difficulties at school or at pre school age are seen with their parents and an effort is made to modify adverse influences.

A speech therapist is normally based at the Clinic but unfortunately we are without one at the moment.

The Clinic is the headquarters for school medical officers who examine school children at different periods during their school life and who keep those children requiring it, under surveillance.

Other children are referred for treatment. Immunisation at the schools is provided against Tuberculosis and German Measles (in girls).

A chiropody service is provided at the clinic for older age groups and a domiciliary service for the immobile.

Community Nurses and Midwives are based at the clinic under the direction of a Nursing Officer.

The Health Visitors for Louth and its environs are also based at the Clinic. All four have some attachment to group practices in the area.

The Clinic also provides a Dental Service for school children and expectant mothers. As part of this service an orthodontist visits once a week for the treatment of abnormal jaw and tooth formations.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES 1973

The mains water supply was provided by the East Lincolnshire Water Board. It has been generally satisfactory in quality and quantity. There have been occasional complaints with regard to excessive chlorination in one area and from deposits in another. The supplies are hard and there is no trouble with plumbosolvency. The fluoride content is low. The fluorine content of the different bores supplying the Rural District is as follows:-

Fluorine content in bores supplying the Rural District (East Lines Water Board)

Raithby and Hubbards Hills Pumping Station	0.28 p.p.	million	fluorine
Fulstow Pumping Station	0.30 p.p.	"	"
Grimoldby Pumping Station	0.36 p.p.	"	"
Binbrook Pumping Station	0.36 p.p.	"	"
Mablethorpe and Sutton Pumping Station	0.19 p.p.	"	"

There are 6,425 houses supplied from the Public Mains with taps inside the house and there are 14 supplied by standpipes or outside taps. There are 796 houses supplied from private sources. Of these there are 94 where the supply is not inside the house.

Eight samples were taken from the Public supplies and these were all satisfactory.

Thirty six samples were taken from Private supplies and 12 of these were unsatisfactory. Many of the unsatisfactory specimens originated from the same source.

There are 25 houses with privy vaults in the district and 445 with pail closets. There are 6,859 with water closets.

New sewers have been completed in South Cockerington as part of the extensions to the Manby Sewerage System. New sewers have also been completed in North Cockerington, Alvingham, Yarmburgh, Covenham St. Mary and St. Bartholomew, Fulstow, Ludborough, Utterby and Fotherby as part of the Central Area Sewerage Scheme. A new sewage disposal works was completed at Donnington on Bain also the sewer connections.

The following district is in need of sewage disposal extensions and drainage in particular - i.e. Holton-le-Clay where surcharging of the sewers has been occurring following heavy rain causing flooding.

Other districts in need of sewage disposal schemes include Great and Little Carlton, Gayton-le-Marsh, Maltby-le-Marsh, Strubby and Beesby. North Somercotes works requires enlargement with the inclusion of the sewerage of South Somercotes. Legbourne works is also likely to need extensions.

To the Chairman and Members
of the Louth Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for 1973.
This is my last report and the final one to be made to the Louth
Rural District Council.

Once again, I would like to express my appreciation of the
help and advice made available by the Council's Medical Officer
of Health, the Clerk and the Treasurer. The interest of the
Chairmen of Committees and Councillors in the work of the
Department has been greatly appreciated, as always.

To my staff, I can only say 'thank you' for all the good
work so ably performed during the year and to wish all those
moving to the new authority every success and happiness.

I have the honour to be
Your Obedient Servant,

P. CHILD.

Surveyor to the Council.
Public Health Inspector.

March, 1974.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

AND

SURVEYOR TO THE COUNCIL

HOUSING

Total number of new houses erected			
during the year	...	214	
(1) By the Council	...	15	
(2) By other Local Authorities	...	Nil	
(3) By private enterprise	...	199	
(4) Number allocated for replacing			
houses subject to Demolition Orders			14

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACTS, 1954-57

No Certificate of Disrepair was issued.

INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES

(a) Total number of dwellinghouses		
inspected for housing defects	...	250
(b) Number of inspections made	...	276

REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT
SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE

Number of dwellinghouses rendered	
fit in consequence of informal action	
by the Local Authority or their Officers	74

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS

Public Health Acts	...	...	...	NIL
Housing Acts	...	...	...	NIL

SLUM CLEARANCE - PROCEEDINGS
UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS

(a) Number of individual unfit houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	5
(b) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders			...	20
(c) Number of dwellinghouses subject to Closing Orders	...	...	...	15
(d) Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit by Undertakings	...	...	...	1
(e) Number of dwellings included in confirmed Clearance Orders	...	...	...	NIL
(f) Number of dwellings demolished in pursuance thereof	...	...	...	NIL
(g) Total number of dwellings on which Demolition Orders are operative and which are still occupied except under Sections 34, 35 and 46 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	37
(h) Number of dwellings occupied under Sections 34, 35 and 46 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	NIL
(i) Houses voluntarily demolished or closed which would otherwise have been the subject of statutory action	...	...	...	7

HOUSING ACTS - OVERCROWDING

Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	NIL
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Bakehouses	5
Fried fish shops		...	7
Butchers shops		...	11
Cafes		...	13
General Village Stores		...	151

Owing to pressure of work in the planning and improvement grant fields, no samples of ice cream were taken during the year.

NUISANCES

	<u>ABATED</u> <u>INFORMALLY</u>			
Refuse	3
Foul ditches etc.	19
Drainage	27
Poultry and animals	5
Dangerous premises	NIL
Miscellaneous	23
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PETROLEUM STORAGE

The 128 premises licensed to store petroleum spirit have been regularly visited and minor breaches of the regulations put to right.

Large quantities of crude oil continue to be imported through the Tetney mono buoy and oil terminal. Storage capacity has been increased from 63 million gallons to 84 million gallons. After the 1st April, 1974, petroleum licensing will be a duty of the Lincolnshire County Council.

GRANT-AIDED HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS

Approved applications for "Improvement Grants" totalled 126, an increase of 72, on the previous year, and "Standard Grants" 17. During the year, 124 "Improvement Grants" and 17 "Standard Grant" schemes were completed.

This now brings the completed Improvement Grant and Standard Grant schemes to a total of 1,705, or more than 23, of all the houses in the district.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

A total of 1,147 applications were received during the year, an increase of 85, on the previous year and still approximately 50, above the normal number.

STREET LIGHTING

This service is now available in some 52 villages and the Council's policy of extension continues. During the year, 84 additional lighting columns were erected in 12 villages.

FOOD PREMISES

The control and supervision of those premises within the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations has continued with a total of only 90 inspections, less than half the number made in the previous year. Conditions are good and the premises call for no specific comment.

Premises registered for				
manufacture or preparation				
of preserved food	...	...	...	14
Premises registered for the				
manufacture and sale of				
ice cream	...	...	...	2
Premises registered for the				
sale only of pre-packed ice				
cream	...	...	...	73

CESSPOOL EMPTYING SERVICE

The cesspool emptying service continues to be of great value in maintaining reasonable conditions in many villages where mains sewerage is not likely to be available within the foreseeable future. During the year 1,991 septic tank emptyings were effected, an increase on the previous year, and helped by the commissioning of the second vehicle.

CARAVANS

There are 51 sites licensed embracing a total of 1,071 caravans. The co-operation of site operators has been good and conditions on sites of a high standard. Twenty seven minor contraventions during 224 visits were remedied.

TENTS

The only tenting site in the area has again been extremely well patronised during the year and another camp, say in the Wold area, would fill a growing need for this type of site.

REFUSE COLLECTION

In providing this service to some 7,000 dwellings, to one Royal Air Force Station on Contract, and various holiday and residential caravan sites, approximately 8,500 bins are collected weekly in the summer time and 8,200 in the winter months. The estimated amount of domestic refuse disposed of totalled 6,000 tons and some 120 tons of trade waste was also dealt with.

PEST CONTROL

The one Operative engaged on this important work has surveyed 457 premises and treated 206. A total estimated 7,270 rats were destroyed.

No serious infestation was brought to the Council's notice.

MEAT INSPECTION

The one privately owned slaughter house continues to be maintained and operated in excellent fashion and the owner is at all times co-operative and helpful.

Animals slaughtered total 73 cattle, 185 sheep and lambs, and 10 pigs, a decrease on the previous year.

All have been inspected in accordance with the Regulations. No evidence of major disease was found and only minor organs were declared to be unfit.

KNACKERS' YARDS

The one licensed premises continues to be managed and operated well and on no occasion has it been necessary to institute formal proceedings.

Ten inspections of the premises were made during the year.

DRAINAGE

Number of houses with privy vaults	...	25
Number of houses with pail closets	...	445
Number of houses with water closets	...	6859
Number of conversions to water carriage systems	...	33

SEWERAGE

The Central Area Scheme was 95% completed by the year end, including house connections. At Donington-on-Bain, the whole of the new scheme was completed and all property connected.

As a result of these schemes, 325 septic tanks and cesspools were abolished during the year.

FACTORIES ACT. 1961.

INSPECTIONS

PREMISES	Number on Register	Inspection s	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,&6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	3	NIL	-	-
Factories not included in above, in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	69	12	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	72	12	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT. 1963.

Number of premises licensed	...	...	63
Number of inspections	...	...	38
Number of defects	...	...	NIL
Number remedied	...	...	NIL

